

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3184**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Communicable Disease Screenings for Retail Food Handlers		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3184 amends Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-1-147 and by amending Section 45-4-40(C) so as to require retail food establishments and innkeepers to semi-annually screen their employees who handle food to determine if an employee has an infectious disease that can be transmitted to others via contact with food. The Bill requires the retailer to maintain employee screening results for a period of five years.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that there would be no cost to the State General Fund associated with the provisions of this Bill. All screening costs would be borne by the food service industry and the general public.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:

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